Survey for Hajipur-Suraul Railway Line

1521. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had announced to conduct a survey to lay Hajipur-Suraul new railway line;

(b) if so, when the said announcement was made;

(c) whether the Government have conducted the above survey;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Expenditure Incurred on Gramset Scheme, Gujrat

1522. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure incurred on Gramset Scheme in each district of Gujarat particularly in the tribal districts during the last three years, till date, year-wise;

(b) the details of the programmes telecast under this scheme;

(c) whether the Government propose to seek the participation of the tribal people in these programmes with a view to promote tribal culture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (d) There is no Gramsat Scheme being implemented in Gujarat. However, a Gramsat Pilot project is being carried out by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in the tribal district of Jhabua of Madhya Pradesh. The regular transmission in this project has started from November 01, 1996. This is a two year project. Rural development programmes are broadcast for an hour everyday in the evening for reception in 150 villages in the district of Jhabua. The transmissions include programmes on watershed development, environment, health, hygiene, education, etc. Programmes include those produced in Jhabua district with the participation of the local people.

[English]

Power Shedding in Delhi

1523. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delhi continues to reel under acute power-scarcity with prolonged power-shedding and break-downs this summer;

(b) the power supplies available to the capital from different sources and the extent of shortage of power; and

(c) the steps taken to conserve energy and to make optimum use thereof for priority sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) During April-June, 1997 the energy shortage and peak deficit in Delhi was 1.0% and 4.0% respectively. The Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB) announced a programme of load shedding for one hour in various localities on a rotation basis during May and June, 1997 in order to maintain the balance between demand and availability of power. However, some areas suffered from power cuts for a longer period and also faced low voltage conditions mainly due to local faults, transmission, distribution and transformation constraints in the DVB system.

(b) The details of average per day availability of power to Delhi from various sources against requirement during 1st July to 14th July, 1997 are as under :

Energy Requirement (MU/Day)	Energy Availability (MU/Day)	Shortage (MU.Day)	Percent Shortage
47.83	46.17	1.66	3.47%

(c) Delhi Vidyut Board have imposed restrictions on use of Air Conditioners during peak hours and banned use of power for advertising and promotional activities like neon sions, decorative lighting, window displays etc.

Clearance of Power Projects

1524. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the IPPO Tamil Nadu has approached his Ministry and pointed out the anomaly and the delay that this will cause in obtaining necessary clearances;

(b) whether the Ministry of Power has confessed that the Lacuna still existed; and

(c) if so, the steps are likely to be considered to remove this lucuna?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise.